

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/018,869
Reply to Office Action dated December 13, 2004

Remarks:

Applicants have read and considered the Office Action dated December 13, 2004. In the Action, a Restriction Requirement was placed on the application. The Office Action indicated that the application included 12 inventions, namely:

Invention I, claims 1-10, drawn to a secondary or three- dimensional structure;

Invention II, claims 11-13, drawn to a crystalline form of a glycosyltransferase;

Invention III, claims 14-17, drawn to a secondary or three dimensional structure of a binding site of a glycosyltransferase;

Invention IV, claims 18 and 19, drawn to a secondary or three dimensional structure of an spsA GnT 1 core domain of a glycosyltransferase;

Invention V, claims 20, 27, 29 and 30, drawn to a modulator of glycosyltransferase activity;

Invention VI, claim 21, drawn to a method of determining the three-dimensional structure of a polypeptide;

Invention VII, claims 22 and 24-26, drawn to methods of identifying potential modulators of a glycosyltransferase;

Invention VIII, claim 23, drawn to a method of identifying modulators of a glycosyltransferase;

Invention IX, Claim 28, drawn to a method for designing glycosyltransferase inhibitors;

Invention X, Claim 31, drawn to a method for treating disease;

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Invention XI, Claims 32 and 33, drawn to a method of preparing a medicament; and

Invention XII, claims 34 and 35, drawn to machine readable media.

Applicants hereby elect Invention I, claims 1-10, with traverse. Applicants assert that the Inventions are not distinct and that the 12 way Restriction is improper in the present application. Applicants assert that Invention I can be searched and examined with other pending claims.

A speedy and favorable action on the merits is hereby solicited. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact Applicant's representative at (612) 336-4728.

Respectfully submitted,

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